527 Somewhat later, after the storm had subsided,
533 the *chirimía* band arrived. Four or five players
on an oboelike wooden instrument (with a
[534] double reed mouthpiece and a number of finger
stops) played in unison, accompanied by a
drum. They played for some time in the arcade
before the municipal building. The shrill
music, played with great verve and noise,
seemed vaguely familiar and finally became
recognizable as the "Beer Barrel Polka." It
remained the favorite and almost only piece
played by the *chirimía* band throughout the
fiesta.

527 Sunday the market was in full operation, and
the plaza and adjoining streets were jammed
with people (pl. 4, lower right). Not only
[443] were most of the residents of Cherán on the
streets, in some cases making extensive pur-
[323] chases (this is the only time of the year that
pottery is sold in Cherán, for example), but
there were hundreds of visitors. The bands
played early in the morning. The young men
were busy working on the bull ring.

[796] The High Mass was celebrated about 10
o'clock, with the church filled to overflowing.
527 About 12 o'clock the first moro appeared on
535 horseback, followed in a short time by the
other two. They rode slowly around the plaza,
followed by one of the bands. After a short
time the moros went to lunch without dancing.
[574] Many people invited guests home to eat with
them at this time, often issuing invitations well
in advance. To a lesser extent, guests may be
invited on other days of the fiesta. About 3
o'clock the moros returned and sat on their
horses in the plaza in front of the church while
the bands played. The moros then went to the
municipio, dismounted, and danced in front of
the building. Remounting, they returned to
the church and danced in front of the church.
Many people were openly critical of them for
not dancing first in front of the church. After
the performance in front of the church, the
dancers went on foot down the main street,
dancing in front of various stores until about
● [542] 6 o'clock, when they went to eat again. During
the afternoon a basketball game was played
between Cherán and Paracho. It aroused little
interest.

527 In the evening the big *castillo* or fireworks
389 set was to be burned. Not until after dark